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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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FOR: CHOLESTEROL-LOWERING :  
AGENTS, SECONDARY BILE ACID  
PRODUCTION INHIBITORS AND FOODS  
AND DRINKS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action of August 8, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group IV, Claim 1, drawn to drawn to the fourth product which is a yeast belonging to Kluyveromyces.

Furthermore Applicants have amended the claims as indicated herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 6 of this paper.